



Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Elaine Hart, Interim City Manager *Elaine Hart*

DATE: January 17, 2017

SUBJECT: Appointment of Homeland Security & Emergency Management Director

It is my great pleasure to announce the appointment of Juan Ortiz as the City's new Director of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. Mr. Ortiz is currently the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Fort Worth, Texas, and brings with him nearly thirty years of public service experience.

Juan began his public service career in 1987 with the United States Coast Guard Reserve, ultimately retiring at the rank of Chief Petty Officer in 2015. Juan's career in municipal government extends back to 1994 when he first worked as an Emergency Management Officer for the City of Fort Worth/Tarrant County Office of Emergency Management. For the past two decades, Juan has dedicated himself to the field of emergency management and improving local emergency preparedness and response programs.

In his current role, Juan is responsible for the coordination and development of an integrated City/County emergency management program. He oversees city operations at the emergency operations center, and was largely responsible for the coordination of local hurricane response and recovery efforts during Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike. Juan also represented Fort Worth in coordinating support of Super Bowl XLV and continues to facilitate planning for Texas Motor Speedway and other special events.

Juan acquired his Bachelor of Science in Emergency Administration and Planning from the University of North Texas, and has been recognized by the University as a Distinguished Alumni.

Juan will join us on February 27, 2017. Please help me in welcoming him into our team. Please also join me in extending a personal thanks to Scott Swearengen, who has been steadfast in his service as Interim Director of Homeland Security & Emergency Management during these past several months. His dedicated leadership has been invaluable.

CC: CMO Executive Team
Department Directors/Officers
Assistant Directors/Officers